

REMARKS

Claim 9 has been amended by incorporating subject matter of Claims 10, 12, and 13. Claim 14 has been amended by changing the dependency from Claim 13 to Claim 9. Claims 10, 12, and 13 have been canceled. Support for the amendment is presented in Claims 10, 12, and 13 as previously filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sturt et al. in view of Kawasaki et al. further in view of Peterson, further in view of Jaillet et al. Claim 13, which has been found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, has been incorporated into Claim 9 which the claim eventually depends upon, along with all intervening Claims 10 and 12. Thus, Claim 9 as amended herein should not be rejected on this ground, as well as the dependent claims. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7 has been allowed. Applicants acknowledge the allowance of the claims with appreciation. Claims 13 and 14 have been found to be allowable if rewritten into independent format. As described above, Claims 13 has been incorporated with Claim 9, along with intervening claims. Claim 14, which was depend from Claim 13, has been amended to be depend from Claim 9.

CONCLUSION

In the light of the applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersign at the telephone number appearing below.

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No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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